

TRUMBULL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

July 15, 2009

Trumbull Library

Members Present: James J. Cebulski, Chairman, Tara Liskov, Vice Chairman, Carol Porrata Elstein, Treasurer, Arthur J. Kukla, John J. Lauria, Anthony Petitti, Joseph Schlig, Mary Whatley

Also Present: Susan J. Horton, Library Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Cebulski.

There were no members of the public present.

Correspondence. Mr. Cebulski read a thank you note from Ann Kukla for the plant the Board sent to wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Cebulski read a memo from Program Coordinator, Nicole Cignoli which stated that May 14, 2010 has been reserved for a Board event.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following addition written by Mr. Schlig. "Mr. Schlig disagreed with Mr. Cebulski and stated that he acted as an individual Trustee and not for the Board. Mr. Schlig also strongly denied any disrespect to the Chairman or to the Board."

Chairman's Report: Mr. Cebulski stated that progress is being made toward expanding the parking area. An estimate for the approximate costs to determine the feasibility of expanding the parking along the children's wing are \$2,900 for re-survey of the area and \$3,500 for engineering services.

Director's Report: Ms. Horton reported that there is great interest in the adult and children's summer reading programs. She also stated that the Library will be the exclusive supplier of tickets for the Trumbull Youth Association summer musical, *Seussical, the Musical*.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Elstein reported that the Library ended the 2008-2009 fiscal year with 98% spent. Overall we are in good shape.

Fairchild-Nichols Branch: Ms. Whatley reported that the annual meeting was held in June at which time \$18,000 was requested for roof repairs. It is necessary to replace an Association member. Plans are being formulated to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the building.

Old Business: Ms. Porrata Elstein, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Petitti were enthusiastic about the meeting with Library department heads regarding the Mission Statement. Under the Director's guidance major themes were pointed out. Ms. Porrata Elstein, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Petitti and Mr. Schlig will meet in August to put together a meaningful, succinct statement incorporating the ideas of the Board and Department heads to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for discussion at the September meeting.

New Business. When the Board meets in September, it will begin to address the following issues: parking, handicap accessibility, fundraising, a strategic plan and a possible library addition/renovation.

Mr. Cebulski reminded the Board that there will be no August meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn, seconded at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Schwartz

Acting Secretary

Approved:

James J. Cebulski, Chairman
Trumbull Library Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday September 9, 2009 at 7 pm.

